

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT<br>Administrative Office  | (2) MEETING DATE<br>7/21/2015               | (3) CONTACT/PHONE<br>Nikki J. Schmidt<br>805/781-5496  |                      |
| (4) SUBJECT<br>Request to approve the County's Calendar Year (CY) 2015/Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda and Work Plan. All Districts.   |   |  |                      |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION<br>It is recommended that the Board:<br>1. Approve the County's CY 2015/FYY 2016 Federal Agenda and Work Plan; and<br>2. Direct the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters in support of the activities on the County's approved Federal Agenda and Work Plan as requested by the County's Congressional delegation. |   |  |                      |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S)<br>N/A   | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT<br>\$0.00 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT<br>\$0.00  | (9) BUDGETED?<br>Yes |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT<br><input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. <u>30 minutes</u> )   |   |  |                      |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A   |   |  |                      |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)<br>N/A   |   | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED?<br>BAR ID Number: N/A<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |                      |
| (14) LOCATION MAP<br>N/A   | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?<br>No       | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>April 7, 2015</u>   |                      |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW<br>Guy Savage  |   |  |                      |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)<br>All Districts   |   |  |                      |

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nikki J. Schmidt, Administrative Office

DATE: 7/21/2015

SUBJECT: Request to approve the County's Calendar Year (CY) 2015/Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda and Work Plan. All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the County's CY 2015/FFY 2016 Federal Agenda and Work Plan; and
2. Direct the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters in support of the activities on the County's approved Federal Agenda and Work Plan as requested by the County's Congressional delegation.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Federal lobbying agenda work plan for CY 2015/FFY 2016 were developed by the Ferguson Group in consultation with the Board of Supervisors and various County departments. Additionally, on April 7, 2015, the Board provided direction on the CY 2015/FFY 2016 agenda to Mike Miller, of the Ferguson Group, during his update on current activities being undertaken by his firm on the behalf of the County. The Ferguson Group will work with our Congressional delegation in moving forward the County's priorities, either through legislation, department appropriations, or grant opportunities. Specifically, the Board directed the County's Federal priorities to be:

- Water Resources: e.g. drought and water reliability, clean water, water recycling;
- Transportation and Public Infrastructure: transportation reauthorization, Highway Trust Fund;
- Public Safety, Social Service, Revenues: e.g. hazardous materials and rail transportation, nuclear waste, payment in lieu of taxes.

Also included in this staff report is an updated on the Ferguson Group's activities on the County's behalf since Mr. Miller's April 7, 2015 report to the Board.

Authority for the Chair to sign letters of support/opposition as requested by the County's Congressional delegation throughout the Federal Agenda year is also recommended. These requests may come at times when the Board is not scheduled to meet; therefore, we are requesting that the Chair of the Board be given the authority to sign these letters.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

Mike Miller met with the Board of Supervisors and various County department heads and staff on April 6 and 7, 2015 in the development of the CY 2015/FFY 2016 Federal Agenda and Work Plan.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There is no additional cost associated with the development of the CY 2015/FFY 2016 Federal Agenda and Work Plan as its development is included in the cost of the contract with the Ferguson Group.

## **RESULTS**

Federal lobbying provides the County with an opportunity to obtain Federal revenues that may otherwise not be available to us. Additional revenues contribute to the County's goal of a safe, healthy, livable, and prosperous community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. CY 2015/FFY 2015 Proposed Federal Legislative Agenda and Work Plan
2. Bills Pending in Congress related to water financing
3. Bills pending in Congress related to Western Drought Issues
4. April 7, 2015 update on current Federal activities